

**Pre-Event Screening Worksheet for Smallpox Vaccine:****IMPORTANT INTERIM SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION -- MARCH 31, 2003**

There is evidence that suggests that smallpox vaccination may cause cases of heart inflammation (myocarditis), inflammation of the membrane covering the heart (pericarditis), and a combination of these two problems (myopericarditis). Experts are exploring this more in-depth.

Heart pain (angina) and heart attack also have been reported following smallpox vaccination. However, it is not known if smallpox vaccination caused these problems or if they occurred by chance alone (heart problems are very common). Experts are investigating this question also.

Reported events are not necessarily caused by the vaccine, and some or all of these events might be coincidental.

As a precautionary step, people who have particular risk factors, as described below, or who have been diagnosed by a doctor as having a heart condition with or without symptoms should not receive smallpox vaccine at this time while experts continue their investigations.

Screening questions

Please answer the questions on the following pages to help you determine if you should not get smallpox vaccine at this time due to heart disease that may place you at greater risk for adverse reactions. Answer each question to the best of your knowledge. You may ask your health care provider or a clinic health care provider for assistance if you do not understand a question. If you need more information, visit www.cdc.gov/smallpox, or call the CDC public response hotline at (888) 246-2675 (English), (888) 246-2857 (Español), or (866) 874-2646 (TTY).

Conditions	Do you have this condition?
A previous heart attack (also called myocardial infarction)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Angina Pectoris (chest pain caused by lack of blood flow to the heart)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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Other coronary artery disease (disease in the vessels that bring blood to the heart)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Cardiomyopathy (heart muscle becomes inflamed and doesn't work as it should)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Congestive heart failure	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Chest pain or shortness of breath with activity (such as walking up stairs)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Stroke or transient ischemic attack (a "mini-stroke" that produces stroke-like but no lasting damage)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Other heart conditions under the care of a doctor	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

If you answered "yes" to any of the questions above, you should NOT receive the smallpox vaccine at this time while experts continue their investigations into these concerns.

Please also answer the following questions about risk factors.

Risk Factor	Have you been told by a doctor that you have this condition?
High blood pressure	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
High blood cholesterol	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Diabetes or high blood sugar	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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Risk Factor	Does this risk factor apply to you?
Have a 1 st degree relative (such as a mother, father, sister, or brother) who had a heart condition before the age of 50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Smoke cigarettes now	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

If you answered “yes” to 3 or more of the above questions about risk factors, you should NOT get the smallpox vaccine at this time.

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